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SUBJ: ALGERIAN RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT

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1. REPRESENTATIVES OF FORD, BACON AND DAVIS, INC., 2 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, CONSULTING ENGINEERS, RECENTLY VISITED USINT. THEY HAD JUST OBTAINED CONTRACT WITH SNCFA (STATE RAILWAYS) TO SURVEY ANNABA-OUENZA-DJEBEL ONK RAILWAY LINE WITH VIEW TO UPGRADING IT. THEY EXPECT TO BRING IN TEAM OF ABOUT SIX TO REMAIN UNTIL ABOUT END 1974, AND ARE CURRENTLY INSTALLING THEMSELVES IN SNCFA OFFICES, ALGIERS. THEY HOPE FOR ADDITIONAL SIMILAR CONTRACTS.
2. FORD, BACON, DAVIS REPS SO FAR RELUCTANT SHARE SUBSTANTIVE INFORMATION WITH USINT DUE TO SNCFA CLIENT RELATIONSHIP, BUT MAY RELENT LATER. PERHAPS DEPARTMENT CAN GET MORE FROM NEW YORK OFFICE.
3. USINT OFFICER ATTEMPTING OBTAIN APPOINTMENT AT SNCFA TO DISCUSS ITS EXPANSION PLANS, BUT EXPECT THIS WILL TAKE SOME TIME.
4. IN MEANTIME, SNCFA HAS CALLED FOR BIDS ON 40 ADDITIONAL DIESEL-ELECTRIC LOCOMOTIVES (REFTEL B). GM HAS BEEN FOLLOWING THIS POSSIBLE NEW SALE.
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